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In re Application of

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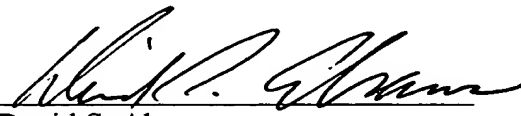
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant brings the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application.

German DE 32 13 551 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,510,004. German DE 31 03 305 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,530,521. German 1 479 231 corresponds to British Patent 1 121 850. German DD 263022 A5 depicts a first pipe 1 and a second pipe 2 having a heating element 4 disposed therebetween. Austrian Patent 239018 depicts a first pipe 1 and a second pipe 2 with a heating element 3 disposed therebetween.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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